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- 1. IN COURSE OF OUR MEETING ON MILITARY PLANNING AND PRODUCTION MATTERS DECEMBER 27, DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ANDERS THUNBORG MENTIONED THAT HE ACCOMPANIED FORNMIN SVEN ANDERSSON TO BELGRADE IN EARLY DECEMBER. THUNBORG SAID THE YUGOSLAVS ASKED WHY THE SWEDES DID NOT "JOIN THE BLOC OF NON-ALIGNED". THE SWEDES REPLIED THEY DID NOT DO SO PRECISELY BECAUSE THEY ARE NON-ALIGNED.
- 2. THE SWEDES, EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS ABOUT BLOC VOTING IN THE U.N., ASKED WHY THE "NON-ALIGNED" YUGOSLAVS ALWAYS JOIN THE NON-ALIGNED BLOC OF VOTERS IN THE U.N. THE YUGOSLAVS REPLIED THAT EVEN WHEN THE "THIRD WORLD" POSITION DOES NOT MAKE MUCH SENSE, THE YUGOSLAVS "HAVE NO OTHER PLACE TO GO."
- 3. THUNBORG REPORTS THAT THE YUGOSLAVS THEN DEVELOPED THE ARGUMENT THAT BECAUSE YUGOSLAVIA LACKS RAW MATERIALS (SIC) CONFIDENTIAL

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AND OTHER MATERIAL ASSETS THAT WOULD GIVE HER BARGAINING

POWER IN BILATERAL DEALINGS, SHE FEELS MEMBERSHIP IN THE "NON-ALIGNED BLOC" AND AN EMPHASIS ON MULTILATERAL AND REGIONAL GROUPINGS, INCLUDING THE U.N. AND ITS AGENCIES, AND A NEW ARAB-BLOC BANK BEST PROTECT HER INTERESTS.

4. THE YUGOSLAVS TOLD THE SWEDES THATDETENTE HAS "CONFIRMED" THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE AND THAT THE WEST HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EASTERN EUROPE IS PART OF THE SOVIET DOMAIN. THE YUGOSLAVS REMAIN UNCLEAR WHETHER THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE APPLIES TO THEM. SO, YUGOSLAVIA'S "ONLY DEFENSE" IS TO STICK WITH THE THIRD WORLD. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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